From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: eb5agv@ctv.es
Subject: * Manuals for postage (2) *
Message-ID: <1.5.4.16.19970416104119.0e97460c@192.168.0.1>

Hi glow-in-the-dark fans,

I'm sad to say that nobody (!) answered to my message about 'manuals for postage'... Are these manuals too common or is the postage from Spain (NOT SO EXPENSIVE, BTW) which prevents to ask for them?...

Here you have again the offer... I hope to have best luck now!. I'll trash them if nobody wants them...

As I'm always asking for help to the list and _always_ get a positive feedback, I want to contribute a bit... So I am going to offer some manuals (not originals but good copies) only for postage (from Spain, it is the only drawback!). Here is the first list:

  HP-200CD (not complete; two models, with octal and noval tubes)
  HP-400D/H/L
  HP-410B serial 5401 and above
  Heathkit QF-1

Best regards.

JOSE

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  73 JOSE V. GAVILA (EB5AGV / EC5AAU)
     46910 Benetusser - Valencia (IM99TK) SPAIN
 *** PLEASE, VISIT MY HOME PAGE AT:
     http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/6992
     e-mail: eb5agv@ctv.es & eb5agv@amsat.org

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: leeboo@ct.net (Leon Wiltsey)
Subject: Re: 1951/1952 Hallicrafters Contest
Message-ID: <199704160027.UAA03106@blue.ct.net>

>To: geo@ipass.net
>From: leeboo@ct.net (Leon Wiltsey)
>Subject: Re: 1951/1952 Hallicrafters Contest

>
>>greetings.
>I did not get in the contest. but was w9kcj running
>all of 75 watts,with carrier current modulation.
>Thr old boys then called it pump handle modulation,
>as your carrier dropped to about 15% when you were not modulating.
>it drove the agc circuits nuts. However you could run a lot more
> power from a puny output tube. I was running 75 watts AM from a 6146
and it was loafing.
>
>Working all the states from a midwest location(chicago)
>was not a big deal as cw and am were the most used and
>the bands were not nearly as crowded as they are now.
>I had worked over 40 states mostly on 75 and 15 before I moved to fl.
>sure qwish it was like that now.
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Thank the good LORD for all that you have!!!

Leon B Wiltsey jr. (Lee)
4600 Lake Haven blvd...
Sebring fl 33872.....

68yr old retired semi disabled senior
(stroke got my balance and coordination)
formerly w4kcj & kp4ryb (till I quite) dumb dumb
play keyboard and sing
music 1920's to 60'
none of the 80'S- 90'S noise

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: Tom Norris <badger@telalink.net>
Subject: 26A6 for 1.20 at AES???
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19970415194316.007107fc@telalink.net>

Hmmm. Just got the latest AES sales
flyer in the mail today. All you folks with
R-392's -- they have 26A6's listed for
only 1.20 each *NEW*. Less than Fair's
used price.....

Tom KA4RKT
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thermionic@techie.com

TANSTAAFL: There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lawyer.....

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: Tom Norris <badger@telalink.net>
Subject: 26A6 for 1.20, 26FZ6 for 80cents
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19970415195359.006ac27c@telalink.net>

Hmmm. Just got the latest AES sales
flyer in the mail today. All you folks with
R-392's -- they have 26A6's listed for
only 1.20 each *NEW*. ALSO have
the "hard to find" 26FZ6 for only
80 cents!

Tom KA4RKT
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thermionic@techie.com

TANSTAAFL: There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lawyer.....

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: jmiller@teleteam.net (Jay H. Miller)
Subject: 409/Falling Airplanes/Toxic Waste
Message-ID: <v01540b01af7a84e22450@[199.34.24.15]>

Boys and girls---
Lets get serious here! I have received several posts *warning* me of the
extreme dange of 409 and aluminum. It is not just here but the BA list is
droning on about it also.

There is more than one way to skin a cat and to clean a radio. If you are
careful and exercise caution in your work I see no reason why you should
not live a long and prosperous life.

Forumla 409, Fantastic, Zeileg, etc. are all phosphate type cleaners. They
probably all come from the same 10,000 gallon rail car anyway! I have

cleaned over a hundred radios (yes, I keep a log) with 409 and the garden hose. This includes S-Lines, A-Lines, test gear, and assorted electrical gorp. I have never had a radio go to pieces from corrosion or fall out of the sky like an airplane.

If the Navy/Air Force/Heavens Gate banned 409 around aircraft they probably had a good reason. If I decide to taxi my KWS-1 to the flight line I'll remember that.

Probably any type of cleaner left in contact with aluminum or other metal for an extended period of time will start to corrode. This is one reason I use the high-pressure hose to rinse the radio thoroughly. Okay, maybe 1 part per umpteenthbillion will remain but, that is life. Compressed air and good old Texas sunshine does the rest.

Many people on this list are good mechanics and know what they are doing. If you want to experiment, do it. Take a chance and learn. I have very serious doubts that you will damage anything beyond repair if you are careful, ask questions and listen.

73

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Jay H. Miller, KK5IM Dallas, Texas
The Pocket Guide to Collins Amateur Radio Equipment
AMI#846 Collins Collectors Association
E-Mail: jmiller@teleteam.net
Visit My Home Page: http://www.teleteam.com/~jmiller/
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From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: "ro" <otterstad@mec.dk>
Subject: Attention : HRO collectors
Message-ID: <199704160834.KAA12304@inet.uni-c.dk>

Ragnar Otterstad
email : otterstad@mec.dk

For serious HRO fans :

I can offer 2 very unique and extremely rare HRO copies :

KST German W.W.2. copy.with 2 coils. 750 dlrs

AQST East-German post-war copy, Complete with all coils from LF to 30

MHz. and original manual (in German). 950 dlrs.

Ex Copenhagen, packing suitable for air freight included.

73 Rag OZ8RO

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: don merz <71333.144@CompuServe.COM>
Subject: Bandmaster & VFO FS
Message-ID: <970416034314_71333.144_DHB33-4@CompuServe.COM>

For Sale

CONTACT: Don Merz, N3RHT: 47 Hazel Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15228.
412-234-8819 (weekdays, EST or leave a message anytime).
71333.144@compuserve.com

Harvey Wells Bandmaster Deluxe with Bandmaster VFO. This is a classic 1950's 80-10 meter transmitter for AM or CW. 807 final. The "Deluxe" model means that this one has the crystal mic preamplifier in it. This is both the rarest and the most expensive of any of the Bandmaster series. But the real prize here is the Bandmaster VFO, a Clapp oscillator that sits underneath the transmitter and provides 80-10 meter output on a slide-rule dial. These are both excellent looking though the VFO has a couple of scratches on it. Several phono jacks have been added to the back of the transmitter but otherwise both units appear to be all-original. Complete. Untested. $210

Wanted: Manual, schematic ad photocopies or any information about a Meissner Model 9-1081 "Ultra-Hi Frequency Transceiver." This uses 3 tubes, 6K7, 6G6 and 7A4 to cover the old 112mc band. The receiver is apparently a regen. The whole thing is in a nice portable package with whip antenna much like the Abbott DK-3 or (later) TR-4. Any help appreciated.

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: Bob Roehrig <broehrig@admin.aurora.edu>
Subject: battery help needed
Message-ID: <Pine.ULT.3.95.970415233442.27111A-100000@admin.aurora.edu>

Here is the situation: I have a 12V 12 amp.hr gelcell. It will be powering a 1/2 amp load continuously and be constantly charged at some low rate. My first question is how much should the charge current be?

There is a chart on the side of the battery that says:

CHARGING INSTRUCTIONS

USE	VOLTAGE REGULATION	INITIAL CURRENT
STANDBY	13.5 - 13.8V	No limit
CYCLIC	14.4 - 15.0V	3A Max

I assume my use would be considered "standby" - right?
Does that mean I should try and keep the battery voltage between 13.5 and 13.8 all the time?

What does "initial current" mean? How long is considered "initial"?
Right now, I am inclined to have a constant charge of around 100ma unless it runs down due to power failure and I want to get it back up quickly, then maybe charge it at a couple of amps for a while.
Any ideas/suggestions?

E-mail broehrig@admin.aurora.edu 73 de Bob, K9EUI
CIS: Data / Telecom Aurora University, Aurora, IL
630-844-4898 Fax 630-844-5530

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: dr.electron@juno.com
Subject: Re: battery help needed
Message-ID: <19970416.055622.10238.1.dr.electron@juno.com>

Bob;

This is the type of setup used in emergency or standby lighting systems. Initial current I take to be peak charging current when starting a charge cycle, to limit internal temperature and pressure. Most chargers in these fixtures are limited to an amp or less, and recharge time considered to be 24 hours or so. They also have a low voltage cutout at 80% or so to prevent deep discharge.

If the battery is good, this peak value should taper off pretty quickly, and continue to decrease as the battery charges.

Since the operation of these standby systems is a rare event, it is a good idea to remove power once a month, let the batteries discharge to dropout, and repower them to start a recharge cycle,

in order to prolong battery life.

Seemingly dead gel's can sometimes be brought back to normal by repeating this cycle ten or so times. Open circuit voltage of the gell should increase with each consecutive cycle.

  This could be technically incorrect, but assuming the load is fairly constant, I would adjust the charger voltage to float the battery at 13.8 +/- .05 v under load. The actual load of 0.5 amp would be in fact powered by the charger.

Gell cells are quite forgiving, except for deep discharging.

This info is from a Lithonia Standby Systems data sheet which came with one of their fixtures.

 A few solar cells, such as the surplus units sold by All Electronics, 60 ma (more like 90ma) output current, 9 vdc open circuit, will keep a gell maintained well. They are about $ 5.75 each and I think were made by Sandia, rejected for scientific purposes, but fine for this app.
73's
Rich P.
     $#   #   #

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: "JerryL." <glockett@lightspeed.net>
Subject: Re:BC610's
Message-ID: <33544D08.B90@lightspeed.net>

To all concerned: the BC-610's have been spoken for. If the deal falls through I will repost next week. Thanks for all the response.

glockett@lightspeed.net
Phone/Fax (24-hrs) 805-589-4120

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: "JerryL." <glockett@lightspeed.net>
Subject: Re: BC610s/reply
Message-ID: <33542100.3360@lightspeed.net>

Bob Duckworth wrote:
>
> | From: JerryL. <glockett@lightspeed.net>
> | To: Multiple recipients of list <boatanchors@sco.theporch.com>
> | Subject: Re:BC610s
> | Date: Tuesday, April 15, 1997 11:29 PM

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>
> | <snip>
> |
> |
>

Sorry about that, I used my editor to grab the address and didn't erase Gene,s name entirely from the field. Gene knows nothing about this so don't hold anything aginst him. And in answer to your question of loading, no, you are on your own, they are sitting on guys back cement padio, there is a large gate you can get a truck up to them, but would need some sort of hoist or something to lift them. no local help will be available. thats why they are cheap, guy wants them gone, can't move them, etc..

regards jerry..

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glockett@lightspeed.net
Phone/Fax (24-hrs) 805-589-4120

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: Dave Hollander <davidh@getnet.com>
Subject: Bighorn Museum Purchases - Very Satisified
Message-ID: <199704161419.HAA02462@getnet.com>

After seeing some of the negative comments on the Bighorn Museum purchases, I thought I would share my positive experiences.

I just finished unpacking and hooking up my "Cosmic Blue" NC-270 which I purchased from the Bighorn Museum. It is in very good condition along witht the other pieces that I purchased and it works fine too. The controls are noisy - needs some DeOX but its 40 years old and probably has never had the controls cleaned. Quite an unsual looking radio.

Also purchased a T-60, an HT-40, an HA-1 Keyer and a Sky Buddy and was pleased with the condition of all pieces. None of the pieces were mint but they weren't represented as mint All items were shipped promptly and the packing was fine too. I had several phone conversations with Don and found him a real gentleman to deal with.

Having been involved collecting Lionel and Marx traina and other antiques including cars, I sometimes think people new (and not new) to collecting "toys" forget that the item they are getting is 30-50 years old. It is

typically not going to be mint unless it was left in the box and never used. It is probably going to show some signs of wear and maybe have a few scratches.

Regarding stuff damaged by improper packing, that is another story!

My two cents worth.....

Dave Hollander N7RK
Phoenix, Arizona

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Dave N7RK - Webmaster CADXA
Phoenix, Arizona *DXCC Honor Roll* *WAZ#23 - 75 Meter SSB*

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Visit the Central Arizona DX Association Home page at:

http://www.getnet.com/~davidh/cadxa.html

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: Larry Kayser <lkayser@rideau.net>
Subject: Chinese 3-500Z's
Message-ID: <2.2.32.19970416021003.006b4a84@mail.rideau.net>

My new (to me) amp has a pair of "Pride" 3-500Z's in it. I have heard sad stories about these tubes and would appreciate any information actual users might have on these tubes. They make a KW pretty easy, the exhaust temperature is reasonable (compared to an SB-220) and the meters show pretty good efficiency, about 60%.

I wonder if the stories might have been offset by time with the later products being better - information input will be appreciated.

Larry
VA3LK / WA3ZIA

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: bdhall@ghg.net (Benjamin D. Hall)
Subject: custom lettering
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19970415193302.006c29a4@mailman.ghgcorp.com>

Hey folks, this came from Stationary Engine Mailing List, and I figured it would be of great value to Boatanchor restoration types:

>>Does anyone know of a source of supply for transfer lettering in various
>>fonts and sizes? I'm thinking of putting a coat or two of poly varnish
>>on the wood, put on the lettering, then put another coat or two on.
>
>There is a fellow in SC who will make any type of font graphic in any size,
>type or color. All he needs is a fairly neat tracing of the original (need
>not be perfect) and he can reproduce anything you send him. He also has plain
>letters in any size color and font.
>Contact him at: Bob Ellsworth, Pedal Car Graphics, 1207 Charter Oak Drive,
>Taylors, SC 29687, 864-244-4308.

Sounds wonderful to me: send the guy a photocopy of the panel with the original lettering, strip and repaint, and then slap on new transfer letting from this gentleman. Sounds like it is worth pursuing!

73,
Ben

Benjamin D. Hall, junque collector extraordinaire.
Located in Houston, Texas.
e-mail: BDHall@ghg.net
On the web at http://www.ghgcorp.com/bdhall

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: williams@snowhill.com
Subject: Re: custom lettering
Message-ID: <33547AB0.1A3F@snowhill.com>

> >>Does anyone know of a source of supply for transfer lettering in various
> >>fonts and sizes? I'm thinking of putting a coat or two of poly varnish
> >>on the wood, put on the lettering, then put another coat or two on.

>
> Sounds wonderful to me: send the guy a photocopy of the panel with the
> original lettering, strip and repaint, and then slap on new transfer
> letting from this gentleman. Sounds like it is worth pursuing!
>
> 73,
> Ben

I work as an illustrator/shop artist and have learned some tricks here and there. The best way to send him a copy of the front panel would be to remove all knobs and tape some paper around the front panel(s). Push shafts through paper if necessary and cut and piece in paper around dials, etc until you have complete coverage of the panel. Overlap the edges.

The best thing to make a rubbing with is a graphite stick that is fairly cheap at art supply stores. A pencil could be used if it is very sharp and used at an acute angle. Anyway, rub the graphite stick over the entire front panel and the raised paint lettering will show through almost perfectly. You can get very accurate reproductions this way. We used to repro expensive sign work this way. If you want a whole panel silkscreen from someone, you can rub around the corners and edges of the front panel too to get the exact dimensions. Remove the paper stencil and you can clean up the rubbing and do minor touchups for a nice looking reproduction of size, font, and letter positioning.

Barry

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: Bob Login <jlogin@gville.mindspring.com>
Subject: Dayton for sale???
Message-ID: <199704160020.UAA19024@brickbat7.mindspring.com>

Hi--If you are going to Dayton and planning to sell BA's why not let me know what 's
availible and price and maybe we can save each others BACKS and strike a deal and arrange
a convienent exchange??? 73's Bob AA8A

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: k7sz@juno.com (Richard H. Arland)
Subject: DEAD
Message-ID: <19970416.015415.12135.15.k7sz@juno.com>

On Tue, 15 Apr 1997 22:05:27 GMT BEN NOCK <106312.1035@compuserve.com>
writes:

>   HE WHO DIES WITH THE MOST
>   RADIOS IS THE WINNER
>

He who dies with the most radios is still DEAD!

73 rich K7SZ

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: "ro" <otterstad@mec.dk>
Subject: Re: Deal Gone Sour--Transaction etiquette
Message-ID: <199704160852.KAA15693@inet.uni-c.dk>

Ragnar Otterstad
email :   otterstad@mec.dk

In <970414235114_71333.144_DHB29-1@CompuServe.COM>, don merz wrote:

> >> If it hasn't been done before, I'd like to promote a little discussion
> about the etiquette of net transactions. After all, it is the engine
> of commerce that substantially drives the search for information that
> is the focus of this mail group.
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> I recently did a deal with an individual who shall remain unnamed (so
> far). We mutually agreed on a price, which he explicitly stated
> included shipping. The allowance for shipping of a big ol' receiver
> was about $50. My experience suggested that this was reasonable.
>
> There was a delay for about two weeks after I sent the money order,
>
>Ref :   Don Merz¥ previous message.

> I need an ethical calibration here.
>
I would like to raise another ethical point. Last year I made a deal with
a prominent user of this reflector to buy a BC 611. The price was agreed
upon and I was waiting for shipping cost to transfer the right amount.

Suddenly I received a message that the deal was over! When asking why he
would not honour our agreement, I was told that he had sold hs BC 611 to me
because he would get another one from somebody else. Now this somebody else

had changed his mind and was going to keep his BC 611, so therefore he cancelled our agreement.

In my book this is labelled "lack of ethics" as our deal was not made on the basis that he was getting another BC611.

Maybe my ethical calibration is out of sync with the one on the other side of the pond - or was this gentleman just a " rotten apple " ?

73 Rag OZ8RO

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: William Donzelli <william@ans.net>
Subject: Directions to Historic Electronics Museum?
Message-ID: <199704161314.AA29683@interlock.ans.net>

It looks like I might have some time to kill today near Baltimore. Can any one give me a phone number and directions to the great museum?

William Donzelli
william@ans.net

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: Bill Meara <wmeara@erols.com>
Subject: Early morning AM QSOs?
Message-ID: <199704160145.VAA00771@smtp1.erols.com>

I got my DX-60B running on 75 and have it paired up with my (in)famous HQ-100. I found a crystal for 3880 kc. I'll be calling CQ on that freq between 0930 and 1000Z and would really like to work members of the BA list. Get the coffee brewing and meet me at 3880!

73 de N2CQR
Bill Meara
Hallicrafters, Heaths and Hammarlunds
QTH: Falls Church, Virginia, USA
Formerly of Tegucigalpa, Bilbao and Santo Domingo
wmeara@erols.com
http://www.mindspring.com/~johnmb/billm.htm

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997

From: "Lon W. Cottingham" <k5jv@swweb.net>
Subject: Estate liquidation
Message-ID: <33540E7E.7EF4@swweb.net>

Greetings to all,

I am in the process of liquidating a very large Radio Estate. Many items have already gone, but many are available. This is all good equipment, no junk. All items are as-is/where-is Houston, TX unless other arrangements are made. I do not mind delivering within a reasonable distance from my planned itenary on trips to the East and West coasts later this summer. Items for sale are:

5 Johnson Desk Killowatt's, 4 with desks, one without. Three have been nicely resored, all have new silk screened pannels.
Prices will range from $2,500 to $5,000. The first $5,000 unit will include a Ranger I and HRO-60 with A, B, C, & D coils. The second $5,000 unit will include a Ragner I and HRO-50 with A, B, C, D, E, & F coils. I will consider a package deal for three units.

2 Collins 75A4's with three filters and SR# above 4,000 at $1,000 each. These are very nice radios with no mods.

1 RCA AR-88 at $800.00. This is the nicest AR-88 that I have ever seen.

Numerous Collins mikes: SM-1's, SM-2's, and SM-3's from $150 to $300 debending on codidion. Special package pricing.

If the HRO-50 and/or HRO-60 do not sell with a Johnson Desk KW package, they will be offered seperately at $750 for the HRO-60 and $500 for the HRO-50. The "60" is nice. The "50" works good but all of the restoration is not complete. It does not look bad as is.

Collins WE 75S3A at $1,000. It is not a "10" but nice radio and
very rear with extra crystal socket deck from the factory.

Collins WE 75S2 in very good condition for $500. Nice radio with "A" or "C" model exter crystal socket deck.

Several Collins Crystal packs at $200.00 each.

Johnson Low Power Match box with directional cuppler at $250.

This is my first public offer of these items. Approximately three fourths of this estate has already sold by word of mouth. If these items do not move quickly here, I will advertise them in ER and the Yellow Sheets next week.

73 de Lon, K5JV

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: "Lon W. Cottingham" <k5jv@swweb.net>
Subject: Estate liquidation #2
Message-ID: <335436D3.6DD4@swweb.net>

Greetings to all,

I failed to list two very nice BA in my earlier posting today.

Extremely nice Central Electronics 100V, with manual for $600. This is a very much above average unit in appearance.

An even nicer Central Electronics 200V, with manual for $750.

These units, like most of those in my earlier posting, are aimed at serious collectors. This package is far above average.
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73 de Lon, K5JV

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: dr.electron@juno.com
Subject: Re: Fan control
Message-ID: <19970415.162645.4318.0.dr.electron@juno.com>

Computer type 12VDC are cheap & plentiful these days, and efficient, with operating currents typically ranging from 60 to 230 ma, @12 VDC. A 230 ma unit works great with a 150 ohm wirewound pot. Surplus / junk box "wall warts" are everywhere, and this type fan/wart setup needn't be a permanent installation. I've been experimenting with a remote air supply for the computer, using several 12 volt dc fans, and an automotive air cleaner element to reduce noise and

the cruddy buildup of dust from internal fans. So far, it's helped.
73's
Rich P.
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From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: "ro" <otterstad@mec.dk>
Subject: FS: Manuals
Message-ID: <199704160834.KAA12284@inet.uni-c.dk>

    Ragnar Otterstad
email :   otterstad@mec.dk

I have these manuals surplus to requirments :

BC 191-F   (postage to USA 5 dlrs)

BC 375-E   (postage to USA 11 dlrs)

Any reasonable offer accepted. Please add postage.

73 Rag OZ8RO

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: "ro" <otterstad@mec.dk>
Subject: FS: British Vintage radar -   manual
Message-ID: <199704160834.KAA12297@inet.uni-c.dk>

    Ragnar Otterstad
email :   otterstad@mec.dk

I have a near mint copy of the manual for GEE MkII (tropical version)
                                                                A.R.I. 5718

This is an airborne radar from the very early days, I seem to remember late
1940's.

No need for it. Have also one R/F Unit collecting dust somewhere.

Interested parties please email me.
73 Rag OZ8RO

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997

From: "Ray Allen,W2KBR" <raallen@erols.com>
Subject: FS:HD-15 PHONE Patch
Message-ID: <33545E4D.6F3@erols.com>

Groups: Near Mint Heath HD-15 Phone Patch w/orig manual.
$35 + $10 to ship
73 Ray W2KBR/3

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: eb5agv@ctv.es
Subject: GR-1650A available at AuctionWeb
Message-ID: <1.5.4.16.19970416055153.252f127a@192.168.0.1>

Hi tubed minds ;-) !

As some of you probably recall, some days ago I was looking for a GR-1650A or B impedance bridge. Well, I finally found one nice GR-1650B and is on its way to my home (thanks to a list member, Dayton Jones). But I've found another unit in the AuctionWeb page which perhaps is of interest to you. You can look at it (including picture) at:

http://206.184.213.45/aw/itemfast.cgi?item=xzk819

Current bidding was $26, so it could be a good deal...

Best regards.

JOSE

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  73 JOSE V. GAVILA (EB5AGV / EC5AAU)
     46910 Benetusser - Valencia (IM99TK) SPAIN
 *** PLEASE, VISIT MY HOME PAGE AT:
     http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/6992
     e-mail: eb5agv@ctv.es & eb5agv@amsat.org

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: Al Klase <skywaves@bw.webex.net>
Subject: HP Power Supply
Message-ID: <3354DF46.3882@webex.net>

Keepers of the Toobz,

Does anyone have documents for an Hewlett-Packard 711A bench supply? I

might also need a power transformer. Any help appreciated.

73,
Al
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Al Klase - N3FRQ
skywaves@bw.webex.net
Flemington, NJ

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: Terry Pridgen <pridgent@pinn.net>
Subject: Manual for Drake 1-A Rcvr
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91.970415220219.8252A-100000@everest.pinn.net>

Looking for manual for Drake 1-A. If anybody has one, I would appreciate a copy. I just bought the receiver, but the owner didn't have a manual.
73, KC4YTF, Terry

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: "Steve Hill" <SHILL@onaustralia.com.au>
Subject: mystery power unit
Message-ID: <09400784315150@onaustralia.com.au>

Have a military power unit that I would like to ID.

It is titled POWER UNIT MAINS.

Has the numbers 6665-110028.

WJH is stamped on the plate.
It is dated 1954 and has a single upright arrow.

It is in a shiny metal can 5.5 inches tall and 3.25 in diameter. The can slides over the whole unit & is screwed onto a metal base plate. On the top of the can are four sockets to recieve prongs to pick up the output volts.

Looks like it fits inside a unit, as the baseplate looks like it is meant to match a front panel or something.

Has a 110/220V selector switch also on the base plate

(or is it the front plate).

Has a power plug with two round pins and a large pin underneath.
(British mains socket?)

Inside the unit is a transformer and a couple of resistors and caps.
Very simple.

What does this belong to?

Cheers,

 Steve. VK4CZT.

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: leeboo@ct.net (Leon Wiltsey)
Subject: NEED BOOKS
Message-ID: <199704160026.UAA03073@blue.ct.net>

>To: GB
>From: leeboo@ct.net (Leon Wiltsey)
>Subject: BOOKS
>Cc:
>Bcc:
>X-Attachments:
>
>Hi Gang
>I have been asking for old rad am hndbks.
>So now I have some. but they are too new. I have
>1968 1969 1972 1977-& 1976. All are full of solid state stuff(cry cry cry).
>I am willing to trade 2 for 1 or ever 3 for 1 to get a 1960 or older radio
am hndbook.
>Just cant build solid state projects(I tried one it was a mess). I did get
one 1960 handbook
> and It had lots of good tube stuff in it. So pse lets do some trading,
>but I cant use anything newer than 1959. that way I can continue to build
my ancient station.
>all the books are in fine shape with good bindings. pse email your answers.
>

Thank the good LORD for all that you have!!!

Leon B Wiltsey jr. (Lee)
4600 Lake Haven blvd...
Sebring fl 33872.....

68yr old retired semi disabled senior
(stroke got my balance and coordination)
formerly w4kcj & kp4ryb (till I quite) dumb dumb
play keyboard and sing
music 1920's to 60'
none of the 80'S- 90'S noise

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: "Jim Berry" <basalop@eskimo.com>
Subject: Re: NEVER BRING HOME
Message-ID: <199704160131.SAA08255@mail.eskimo.com>

Christopher A. Bowne said:
Subject: Re: NEVER BRING HOME

<Now my son is filling our basement with Generation X boatanchors - old
<PCs, monitors, and 1200 baud external modems!

Here I was wondering if I ever packed home something I wish I hadn't.
Could not think of a single thing until Chris mentioned computers.
Then it hit me. Out in the garage is a pile of old PC's and XT's
that I brought home. I am still getting rash over that one. Sheesh,
they were free. Now I can't even give the dang things away.

73 Jim K7SLI

Jim Berry K7SLI. QTH: Marysville, Wa (Near Seattle)
Email: basalop@eskimo.com FAX: 360-659-1360
Snail Mail: 5318 142nd PL NE Marysville, Wa 98271

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: Larry Kayser <lkayser@rideau.net>
Subject: Re: NEVER BRING HOME
Message-ID: <2.2.32.19970416020957.006c2370@mail.rideau.net>

Subject: If you did bring it home and need a lawyer.....

An engineer dies and reports to the pearly gates. St. Peter
checks his dossier and says, " Ah, you're an engineer-
you're in the wrong place."

So the engineer reports to the gates of hell and is let in.
Pretty soon, the engineer gets dissatisfied with the level of comfort in
hell, and starts designing and building improvements.
After a while, they've got air conditioning and flush toilets
and escalators, and the engineer is a pretty popular guy.

One day God calls Satan up on the telephone and says , "So, how's is it
going down there in hell?" Satan replies, "Hey, things are going great. We
have got air conditioning and flush toilets and escalators, and there's no
telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."
God replies, "What??? you've got an engineer? That's a mistake
* he should never have gotten down there; send him up here."

Satan says, "No way. I like having an engineer on the staff,
and I'm keeping him."

God says, "Send him back up here or I'll sue."
Satan laughs uproariously and answers, "Yeah, right. And just where are you
going to get a lawyer?"

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: dr.electron@juno.com
Subject: Re: NEVER BRING HOME
Message-ID: <19970415.220013.10230.6.dr.electron@juno.com>

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>they were free. Now I can't even give the dang things away.

Got a 12 Gauge & a video camcorder?

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: dr.electron@juno.com
Subject: RE: Never bring home...(" Projects R Us ")
Message-ID: <19970415.220013.10230.5.dr.electron@juno.com>

A GTE OMNI SI telephone switching system. ~ 225 stations,
~700 lbs, obsolete as the day is long.
Makes a good looking storage cabinet, though.....
Rich P.

♯ ♯ ♯

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: leeboo@ct.net (Leon Wiltsey)
Subject: NO OLD HAM BOOKS
Message-ID: <199704161412.KAA24512@blue.ct.net>

>To: GB
>From: leeboo@ct.net (Leon Wiltsey)
>Subject: NO OLD HAM BOOKS
>Cc:
>Bcc:
>X-Attachments:
>
>I reciently posted a requesr for a radio am habdbook vintage
>older than 19063 or so and offered to trade several 1970's
>manuals up to 3-1 for this older addition. Come on guys I am
>not a manual collector, I reaslly need this book. I bought 1 older
>manual from a man on the net. However it is in very bad condition(I knew
this fact before I purchased it), It is a 1960 edition but the binding is
complerly shot and is falling apart. It did alert me to what a great book
these were and all the good tube circuits
>they contain. Since my stroke I cannot build solid state projects.
>I tried a TENTEK regen kit and it was a complete disaster.
>(no way I could solder all those parts onto that small circuit board,) as
I have very poor hand to eye coordination. (working on nice old larger
parts is difficult enough
>but with patience I can manage it.) So I am left with the situation that
>it is old tube type equip or NOTHING.
> IF ANY OF YOU HAVE A 1963 OR OLDER (except a 1960) handbook you will part with
>I sure could use it. I will either pay you for it or am willing to trade
>up to 3-1 for it. By the way my 3 tube regen on a old cake pan is working
just fine.
>
>Adding a small var cap in series with the ant coil really helped, also a

diode noise limiter
> in the audio driver circuit. Its the 2 tube 6ag5 circuit I was sent by a good fellow on the net that came out in about 1963 and was featured in a radio pub.(I think) I just added 1/2 of a 6sl7
> dou triode as a audio voltage amp to get more audio. I sure do appreciate all the help I have received so far. please let me know by email and I will get back to you quickly. THANKS !!!!
>
>.
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Thank the good LORD for all that you have!!!

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4600 Lake Haven blvd...
Sebring fl 33872.....

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none of the 80'S- 90'S noise

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: jkh@lexis-nexis.com (John Heck)
Subject: Offering of Transformers
Message-ID: <9704161518.AA26750@beans.lexis-nexis.com>

Folks,
I have the following list of mostly NOS, NIB, power and output transformers to sell. Please reply via private email. All prices are *PLUS* shipping from 45429.

=======> Please note that the filament voltages are *2.5 volts* <========

OUTPUT TRANSFORMERS:

STANCOR A-3820
500/1000/1500/2000 to 4/8/15   output transformers
Vertical - Surface Mount, solder tabs, *small* amount of rust.
Big, for output transformers, at 5 1/2 pounds each
$10 each and I have 3 of these

PHILCO 2598-N

Single Pentode Output
Vertical mount, Solder tabs on top of transformer
Box is ratty and no wrapper paper or instruction sheet
$10 NIB

PHILCO 6582
Single Pentode Output
Leads
Vertical mount
Box in excellent condition
$10 NIB

POWER TRANSFORMERS

STANCOR VPT-1 (Victory Model)
325-0-325 70ma
5v 9 amp
2.5v C.T. 3 amp
Horizontal half shell
Box ratty but with instruction sheet
$20 NIB

STANCOR P-6003
350-0-350 70ma
5v C.T. 3 amp
2.5v C.T. 9 amp
Horizontal half shell
Box nice and with instruction sheet
$20 NIB and I have 2 of these

FMA #9342
325-0-325 50ma
5v 3 amp
2.5v C.T. 1.75 amp
Horizontal half shell
Box OK with enough remains of the instruction sheet to get specs.
$15 NIB

TRUTEST Radio Parts #2431
The previous owner wrote on the box:
"4-5 tubes" so I'm guessing 325-0-325
"2.5v" so I'm guessing 2.5v C.T. 1.75 amp
"5v" so I'm guessing 5v 3 amp
Horizontal half shell with solder lugs
Top shell is cadmium plated, *not* painted black
Box OK but no instruction sheet. The lugs are marked with their values.

$10 NIB

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: Sandy W5TVW <ebjr@worldnet.att.net>
Subject: Re: Packaging and Shipping
Message-ID: <19970415234003.AAB12541@LOCALNAME>

At 09:59 PM 4/15/97 +0000, you wrote:
>Greetings;
>I've shipped all sorts of heavy " iron " without problems.
>Step one for me is to scrounge up or buy ($ 3.00 - $ 4.00 ?) worth
>of 1 / 2 " plywood to bolt the piece onto , then into a heavy cardboard
>box the ply was cut for, and padding around the contents.
>If it doesn't shift around, it probably won't get hurt. And if the
>packaging is pierced, that's obviously the "parcel smasher's" fault.
>Minimal dumpster diving yields lots of new packing, tossed upon
>receipt & unpacking of goods to stores, etc. A $ 7.00 roll of filament
>tape will " band " lots of anchors, & more. Even a handmade plywood crate
>is a good investment, compared to its expensive contents.

AGREED!
If you do any shipping past 2-3 boxes, sooner or later you will buy: boxes, tape, 'styrofoam peanuts', etc. The "box" companies don't give this stuff away, especially double-weight large corrogated cartons. On heavy or bulky items, the container and packing can be a significant portion of the shipping costs! BA collectors who have been at it for a while appreciate getting gear that is packed well enough to survive
all but extremely sloppy handling.
73,
E. V. Sandy Blaize, W5TVW
"Boat Anchors collected, restored, repaired, traded and used!"
417 Ridgewood Drive,
Metairie, LA., 70001
ebjr@worldnet.att.net
Looking for: 860 tubes, WL-460 tubes
Butternut HF2V antenna, G-R test gear.....*

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: Ed Tanton <n4xy@bellsouth.net>
Subject: Re: Packaging and Shipping
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19970415212053.00976100@mail.atl.bellsouth.net>

I think that sounds great Rich. I cannot imagine a better way to package

the heavy stuff. Two weeks ago I purchased and installed an HP 5si Printer for my main client. Got it to the office, started looking to see how to get in the box, and noticed two main shipping bands all around the box, and down into the pallet integral to the box. Cut the two bands, lifted the box whole from the pallet, and voila: the printer. Removed it from its mounts, and that was it. Best mount I ever saw... and you're doing essentially the same thing with your piece of plywood: providing a tough, stable platform to start with, giving strength to the overall package from within.

My only problem for that is time, and right now all my wood tools are in storage-having been kicked out of my garage when we turned it into a 'mother-in-law' apartment for my mother. Maybe when I get some more cleaning on my basement I'll be able to get the tools back. Thanks for the tips.
72/73

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Ed Tanton   N4XY   EMAIL: n4xy@bellsouth.net
189 Pioneer Trail
Marietta, GA 30068-3466   TEL: (770)579-3933 V/MBX/FAX
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QRP-ARCI #7663   G-QRP #6779   OK-QRP #172   QRP-L #758
AdvRC #140   NORCAL #1779   NCDXF   SEDXC

Life Member: ARRL   AMSAT   INDEXA   QCWA

INTERESTS: DX   QRP   BoatAnchors Test Equipment Photography
     CW: 99.9%   QRP: 95-100% (Mood swings!)
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"Think you can, think you can't: either way you're right!"   Henry Ford
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From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: wier@bobcat.etsu.edu (Bob Wier)
Subject: Re: Packaging and Shipping
Message-ID: <v01510103af79f8f1ba51@[165.95.92.81]>

>At 09:59 PM 4/15/97 +0000, you wrote:
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packaging suggestions deleted...

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I might add that one of the most brilliant suggestions I've ever run

across on packaging/shipping if you are going to use cardboard boxes (regardless of weight) is to go down to the local hardware store and buy some 2" or 3" PVC (usually white) pipe. It's fairly cheap. Cut it into lengths with a hacksaw just long enough to fit inside the box in whichever (or all) dimensions you wish to reinforce. The compression strength of the stuff is quite strong, and thus it will handle heavy loads, etc stacked on top of it very well. As a bonus, if you have tubes or other fragile parts, put 'em inside the pipe with appropriate stuffing for maximum protection...it's not terribly heavy, either.

THANKS & 73's de WB5KXH --

mailto:wier@bobcat.tamu-commerce.edu
09:36 PM Tuesday, April 15, 1997
Texas A & M University - Commerce
keeper of the Photo-3d, Overland-Trails
ICOM radio and LDS State Research Outline Guides
"Heisenberg may have slept here. . ."

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: "John D. Peters" <k1er@gte.net>
Subject: Packing and shipping
Message-ID: <3354A67C.A8F@gte.net>

I'm surprised no one has mentioned the outfit with the most packing experience. Call the local moving company. Take the BA down to them, they really know how to pack anything from fine china or crystal to a 30S-1. I have never had damage in over 40 years of Navy and IBM moves where the BAs were packed (with me watching). Including LOTs of tubes.

I have never lived in an area where UPS had a packing service. I have had things packed by the "Mailboxes etc" type packing company arrive in tiny pieces. The USPS "couldn't believe" a profesional did the packing, etc.

Properly packed, any shipper should be able to get anything to you safely. UPS, FEDEX, USPS, a Moving company, Greyhound, package express, or a trucking company.

73 John K1ER

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: "Daniel H. Arney Jr." <kn6di@idt.net>
Subject: Re: Packing and shipping

Message-ID: <3354E61B.1128@mail.idt.net>

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> safely. UPS, FEDEX, USPS, a Moving company, Greyhound, package express,
> or a trucking company.
>
> 73 John K1ER
Well guys and gals the packing problem does exist. Most of the Mailbox
ETC's are owned by retired people that buy the franchise,(UPS owns some
30%plus) Most of these people do not have any concept about packing
heavy items. I have been in the packing business 16 years. We do a lot
of packing/crating for those stores in the San Fernando Valley, as they
are not equipped to do so.
UPS sends a lot of people to me from the Van Nuys and San Fernando Sort.
UPS does not repeat does not do any packaging for any one. That is from
my Field Rep.

I make up boxes with foam/plywood/tape and fold them into a small pack
and send out to whoever. All they have to do is assemble and then ship.
For my BS's I issue a UPS call tag when it is ready. The item comes back
to me and I get the charges on my UPS bill.

We also do foam in place packing,(not for heavy BA's) we use ethafoam
and EPS (styrofoam/beadboard.

I have had 2 UPS damage claims in the last 4 years (both due to UPS)
Hank
KN6DI

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: Jody D Brown <jbrown@ldd.net>
Subject: Ranger Function Switch Needed
Message-ID: <33530C80.30B@ldd.net>

Greetings to the group,

A fellow AM operator John (KN4ME) is in need of a function switch for a Ranger I.
If anyone out there has a parts rig and could help, I would be glad to pass along
the information to John.

Thanks for any help.

73 de Jody WD0AJP jbrown@ldd.net

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: "Thomas A. Adams" <103360.2133@CompuServe.COM>
Subject: Re. GPR-90 Bandspread
Message-ID: <970415233342_103360.2133_JHL51-1@CompuServe.COM>

Hello Marco.

Yes, it DOES seem a bit odd to see a "general purpose" communications receiver with a ham band bandspread (almost as unusual as seeng ANY radio toady with the little CONELRAD triangles at 640 and 1240 KHz!), but there IS a reason for it.

Technical Material Corp came up with one fine receiver, and they tried to make it be everything to everyone. They almost did it too; an excellent receiver for commercial use, somebody thought to add a ham band bandspread to tap into yet another market.

The radio is VERY similar in electrical design and performance to it's main competitor, the excellent Hammarlund SP-600. However, if you've ever worked the ham bands with an SP-600, you know that the "logging scale" bandspread method it uses leaves a lot to be desired. The GPR-90 is MUCH to be preferred. It's hard to say why so many more SP-600s were produced and sold than GPR-90s, except that the SP-600 probably got more big military contracts because it is unquestionably a much more rugged mechanical design.

This radio was sold during the height of the Cold War. In the national paranoia of the times, the Office of Civilian Defense at the Pentagon organized a LOT of ham based communications networks, all of which were intended to spring into action after a nuclear attack. Most of them were supposed to take to the ham bands, and OCD would pay for the equipment for them, PROVIDED the gear was on an "approved list" that they maintained.

The GPR-90 (and the rest of the TMC line) was a natural for that approval; the gear was all designed to be MIL spec. So was it's rival, the SP-600 series.

Other civilian market players on the approved OCD list had to come up with special, more expensive versions of thier gear for OCD funds. Johnson produced

special CD versions of the Ranger and Valiant transmitters, and Gonset produced bright yellow painted versions of thier Communicator / "Gooney Box" VHF transceivers with huge Civil Defense decals slapped on the cabinet sides.

Tech Material didn't have to play those games; they already had a fine line of VERY versatile HF gear for practically ANY purpose you could imagine. Their gear was all ready to go, as-is.

I love my GPR-90, but my SP-600LF sits on top of it on the desk. I use 'em interchangably for 160 AM and CW work, but I prefer the GPR-90 for broadcast band DXing. On the other hand, the SP-600 gets the nod for cruising for RTTY on HF (the dial calibration shortcomings are made up for by the BC-221 on top of the SP-600), simply because I find it a minor irritation to rezero the bandspread to get accurate dial calibration outside of the ham bands.

Aesthetically, the GPR-90 wins hands down! This is ONE HANDSOME RADIO!

I only have one problem with the GPR-90 really, and that appears to be a common one; the cabinet.

I don't have an original cabinet. I got the radio in a case scrapped from a Motorola WWV receiver (paint color is similar) which wasn't deep enough; I had a good 3 inches of radio hanging out of the back!

Contrary to popular belief, the GPR-90 was NOT intended as a rack mount radio! The edge mounting holes are WRONG to fit in a standard rack.

Currently, my radio lives in a steel rack cabinet painted in an absurd blue / green wrinkle finish, salvaged from a chunk of medical electronics. I wound up redrilling and tapping the side rails to fit the GPR-90.

73's,

Tom, K9TA

(running out of desktop space... HRO-50,

R-390, R-390A, R-389, WRR-3, TRR-5,

SP-600VLF and others, along with the

GPR-90 and SP-600LF, is approaching

the JUST TOO MUCH point!)

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: "James C. Owen, III" <owen@piper.eeel.nist.gov>
Subject: RE: S/N of SX-115 or is my face RED
Message-ID: <30805.owen@piper.eeel.nist.gov>

After answering Frank's question of him having S/N 115002 and mine having been the same. We're told that this is the Engineering Series number. I went back and looked at mine and there it is--as plain as the nose on your face. S/N 115002 215353. How did I miss it? What a let down after 10 years of thinking I had S/N 2. Oh well at least it's mint. 73 Jim K4CGY

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: Jeffrey Herman <jeffreyh@hawaii.edu>
Subject: SBE-33
Message-ID: <Pine.GSO.3.95q.970415201855.16757B-100000@uhunix3>

I just bought an SBE-33 sight unseen for $20 (no PS, no manual). I'll pick it up this weekend.

Now that I own one (but haven't seen it yet), what is it? As I recall, SBE stood for SideBand Engineering; I seem to remember their ads possibly in QST back in the 60s or 70s.

Gee, I sure hope it has CW! That's all I do on the air.

Anyone have a copy of the manual? Anyone know what voltages it requires?

This feels like Christmas!

73, Jeff KH2PZ

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: hikrbikr@erols.com
Subject: SX-101A 1600 kHz IF can needed
Message-ID: <3353F709.2F12@erols.com>

Howard Mills, W3HM and one of the master BA collector/restorers, is stuck in his repair of an SX-101A for a fellow ham. He needs a 1600 kHz IF transformer that might also come from a junker SX-96 or SX-100, should anyone have any of these receivers too far gone for repair. Please contact me and I will relay your terms to/for Howard, who is not up on e-mail from his dream "shack" in West (by God!) Virginia.

73, Mike Steussy
AE4R
Vienna VA

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: jmlckwd@mindspring.com (Jim Lockwood)
Subject: SX-115 serial numbers
Message-ID: <199704160040.UAA17246@borg.mindspring.com>

Gang,

Enough BA members have reported the serial numbers of their hallicrafters SX-115 that a pattern seems to be emerging.

The numbers reported so far are:

140014
140051
141026
142042
143047
144038
214281
214754

(I've omitted the 11500x prefix since the meaning of this is, by now, clear.)

Recall that the SX-115 was introduced in 1961. My semi-educated guess is that the first three digits of the serial number represent the year and week of production. For example, the first SX-115 cited above was manufactured in 1961, week 40. The last SX-115 cited above was manufactured in 1962, week 14.

As to the meaning of the remaining three digits, I'd speculate that they represent a sequentially assigned number that started at 001 at the beginning of each week.
That this might be true follows from looking at the relatively low numbers during 1961 production. The factory was on the steep part of the learning curve so production volumes were probably fairly low.

In contrast, look at the two units which are likely from a 1962 build. After the inital run to shake down any production problems, it's reasonable to expect the factory began really cranking out the radios. 754 in one week though? That does seem high, doesn't it? One possibility here is

that hallicrafters built a large batch speculatively and then shut down the line until and unless further orders warranted additional production.

We may never know anything definitive on the serial numbers for the high water mark for hallicrafters radio, but I think the scenario I've offered above is close to right.

73,

Jim - km6nk/4

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: "Don Buska" <d.buska@aaiate.com>
Subject: RE: SX-115 serial numbers
Message-ID: <97Apr16.091808cdt.42627-1@gateway.aaiate.com>

Jim,

That was one excellent job of analysis of the SX115 serial numbers. I agree that for 1962 week 14 it does seem to be way to many radios produced. Perhaps those first three digits are mearly lot or production numbers. The first digit may still represent the year but the next two may just be a sequence of lot or production numbers that begin at 00 or 01 for the first production of the year.

A good way to verify the true meaning would be to look at other Hallicrafters rigs from these same two years and compare. Hey folks look at your other 1961/62 produced Hallicrafters rigs and see if they do a similar thing. With enough input we should be able to put this serial number thing to bed. That is if Hallicrafters kept the same procedures and policy in place thruout their life time, which is highly unlikely.

73

Don N9OO

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: Ed Tanton <n4xy@bellsouth.net>
Subject: Re: Transaction etiquette
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19970415213816.009d8190@mail.atl.bellsouth.net>

At 09:59 PM 4/15/97 GMT, Andrew Emmerson wrote:
///snip {{{NOTE: PARTIAL QUOTE}}}
>couldn't go back to the purchaser and ask for more). But I don't see why
>one ham should have to pay all or part of the packing and shipping costs
>out of his own pocket just because he imagined it would cost less.
>
>Your opinion may vary.
>
>73, Andy G8PTH.

Respectfully Andy, I disagree. One of my favorite bargaining methods is to accept the price described, and see if the seller will pay shipping. That simply gets him to lower his price by the amount of shipping. I personally believe it is encumbent on the seller to know what he is selling, and if he 'sells' the shipping as part of the deal, so be it. On the other hand, I almost always give a guy a way out if he (or I) says beforehand: "OK, send $XXX and $10 for shipping, and if it is more I'll let you know." That way there are no real surprises, and what we agreed on is what occurs. Extra $$$ requests out of the blue from what was thought to be a stable agreement are very unwelcome.
72/73

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AdvRC #140   NORCAL #1779   NCDXF   SEDXC

Life Member: ARRL   AMSAT   INDEXA   QCWA

INTERESTS: DX   QRP   BoatAnchors Test Equipment Photography
     CW: 99.9%   QRP: 95-100% (Mood swings!)
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"Think you can, think you can't: either way you're right!"   Henry Ford
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From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: Larry Kayser <lkayser@rideau.net>
Subject: UPS, experiences with.....
Message-ID: <2.2.32.19970416021000.006c4744@mail.rideau.net>

Greetings:

We have had several threads over the last few months about UPS shipping stuff and also UPS shipping stuff to Canada. I have had two shipments

lately, both via UPS and something has changed - and it is for the better.

First I had trouble tracking a shipment for the first two days then I could find the package, a Centurian Amp by Ten Tec by the way. It arrived here VERY quickly from the border and the charges were reasonable as well. Not only that but they had found the amateur radio tariff item and had not charged me any duty, just our much hated Goods and Services Tax and a brokerage charge. Not Bad at all. Maybe UPS is watching?

Larry
VA3LK / WA3ZIA

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: w8xq@juno.com (JEFF D WILDER)
Subject: W8XQ: Collins Receivers Wanted
Message-ID: <19970415.201730.5271.1.W8XQ@juno.com>

Hello People
I'm still looking for Collins rec's 75A3, 75A4 , 51J4 & R388A.
Please reply if you can help me out. Thankyou

73
Jeff D Wilder W8XQ
Phone: 616 381-4133
Email: w8xq@juno.com

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: William Donzelli <william@ans.net>
Subject: Wanted: Battleship parts II
Message-ID: <199704160159.AA13819@interlock.ans.net>

As promised, here is the second list of bits that Battleship Massachusetts BB-59 needs for her restoration. Please check your junk boxes! The previous list bagged two meters, can we get more?

For Radar model SRa:

Reactor, Navy/Westinghouse CAY-301162
10 henry, 0.110 amp, 92 ohm DC resistance.
This is about 4" x 4" x 3", and is enclosed in a light gray case with nice big data tag. Two of the sides of the case curve out a bit.

Neon Bulb, NE-15-T2
Just a standard neon bulb in a bayonet base, like the #47 incandesants. Actually, the SG-1bs and SK-3 radars also need these little things in large numbers for fuse alarms.

For Radar Mk 12 Md 0:

Meter, Navy/General Electric CG-22425/#94X918
115 V 60 Hz Tube Hour meter.
Round 3 1/2", three hole mount, black plastic case, white face. I am not sure, but this will either be digital, or have five pointers on the face.

Meter, Navy/Weston CV-22084
0-150 V AC
Round 3 1/2", three hole mount, black plastic case.

Autotransformer, Navy/Superior Electric CABU-301169
115 V AC, 2 kva
May be marked "Type S-639 (Type 1126 Mod.)".

William Donzelli
william@ans.net

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: Bill Richarz <bill.richarz@transprt.com>
Subject: Wanted: Heathkit DX-40 Cabinet
Message-ID: <199704160352.DAA03328@sco.theporch.com>

I'm in need of a cabinet for a Heathkit DX-40. Not sure how someone could loose a cabinet.

Thanks, de Bill, N4DH
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From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Tue Apr 15 22:40:07 1997
From: William Donzelli <william@ans.net>

Subject: Re: What Not To Bring Home
Message-ID: <199704160102.AA12252@interlock.ans.net>

> A VAX

OK, I was the fool that drove away from Timonium with one stuffed in my car.

Anyway, never buy a huge lot of tubes that Mr. Sibley calls "the embarrassing glut" from the South Milwaukee hamfest after drinking too many of those free beers in the hot sun on an empty gut and no sleep.

William Donzelli
william@ans.net

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: dr.electron@juno.com
Subject: Re: What Not To Bring Home (VAX)
Message-ID: <19970415.220013.10230.4.dr.electron@juno.com>

Hmmm...Now I remember a guy I worked with through the 1980's who went into one of the engineering dept.'s. Reclusive sort of home body type. Anyhow, he was a whiz at programming for the many Vax batch areas at Vandyland, & picked up an 1180 at auction. Has the whole house, ranch, kit & kaboodle hooked up to it, security, communications, lighting, garage door opener.... It never breaks, and he don't need to run win95, either. And if it ain't a boatanchor, you can't park a battleship anwhere.
73's
Rich P.

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From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: rsolomon@tsd.textron.com
Subject: WTB: Manual for AN/URM-26A
Message-ID: <9703168612.AA861208410@cctds.tsd.textron.com>

Looking for manual for AN/URM-26A (not -B) Signal Generator.
FRS has none, anyone have one they will part with or I can copy ??
Tnx, Dick, W1KSZ.

From boatanchors@sco.theporch.com Wed Apr 16 10:21:23 1997
From: rsolomon@tsd.textron.com
Subject: WTD: 12/85 & 3/86 73 Mag
Message-ID: <9703168612.AA861208110@cctds.tsd.textron.com>

Looking for copies of 73 Magazine of December 1985 and March 1986.
I want them for the articles/columns on pages 75/76 and 65/66 respectively. (Info on AM-6154/6155 Amps). Anyone have them they will part with or willing to make copies for me ??
Tnx es 73 de Dick, W1KSZ.